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My dear mother I know is waiting to hear again from her absent daughter & dear and as I have much to communicate — and feel peculiarly distrous to spare my heart into the bosom of that dear friend I am ~~unwilling~~ disposed to make any apology — for receipt your letter the 28 ult. we were all much rejoiced to hear from you — though I was sorry that I had been deficient in letal affs. or rather yet I had wandered away from my mother without sufficiently considering my obligations — as well as the privilege of sharing to comfort her participating with her, her joys & sorrows and enjoying her counsel and instruction. But my dear mother, the Lord has directed my steps here; and O that it may not be in vain. I feel yet I dare not push open the door — but it was opened unexpectedly before me, and I feared to turn my back upon it — It is a trial for me to be so far from my dear ~~mother my friend~~ friend, & I find yet the tie which binds me to you, instead of becoming weaker is daily strengthening my responsibility, I did not realize, nor do I now. Sometimes the thought yt. immortal souls are placed under my charge, and yt. their eternal destiny will be affected by my conduct, seems overwhelming; & could I not carry you & roll you upon the arms of the dear Saviour, I could not ~~endure~~ support it — — I am glad to feel yt I never was sensible of the responsibility yt. rested upon me & when I look upon myself fear yt I never shall so far as to lead me to be faithful in the discharge of my various duties — but I know if I trust in Jesus alone he can, & will enable me to be faithful. The dear Observer has informed you of the glorious season we have enjoyed here, but you will be able to form but a faint idea of it. A shower of divine grace has been literally poured down upon us. Here the Lord has pledged himself in his word, & he has redeemed his pledge; he has manifested his willingness to hear & answer the fervent, believing prayer — — — I closed my school and ~~gave up~~ attended all the meetings — There were prayer-meetings at 6 o'clock in the morning, again at 9 A.M., at half past 1. P.M. and at 6 in the evening — Preaching commenced at half after 10 A.M. 2. P.M. — and 7, in the evening. I find my body somewhat weakened by continual exertion, but I trust my soul has been strengthened — This number con- tinued 5 days in succession, and were marked with a degree of solemnity yt. I think I never before witnessed — I have heard more preaching since I have been here. Every reproof is sweet away — and the duty of immediate repentance & the submission to God; the danger of delay; and the accumulated guilt of the transgressor, has been portrayed in such vivid colours, yt it would yt, that indolence who could hear with indifference must be one yt. was given over to hardness of heart & blindness of mind — I carried my Bible & pencil to meeting and copied as much as I could of the sermons. I think my mother would be interested with some extracts from you. On thursday P.M. the Rev. Mr Farnes preached from "Matt. 9:29. According to your faith be it unto you. He first mentioned the necessity of faith when our Saviour was upon earth, yt he could do no mighty works in certain cities, because of their unbelief — yt the same belief now. It is a hard charge to bring against an individual yt. if he does not receive the promises of God & implicitly rely upon you. yt they charge him with a lie: — but so it is. God has promised his holy spirit to you yt. ask for it, & has said he is more willing to give it than parents are to give good gifts to their children — How if we do not believe yt, we charge God falsely. Christ has said whatsoever ye shall ask in my name ye shall have it — & he is saying to you today, according to your faith be it unto you. — Do you believe this — when you prayed in your closets yesterday morning, & here in the former part of the days did you expect the holy spirit would descend? If you did according to your faith be it unto you — it is the word of God. — & powerful responsibility rests upon you — & would you discharge it, come & lay hold of the promises of God, believe them and do not charge him falsely. If you are guilty of unbelief, you are surely guilty — — Now do you believe yt the holy spirit will come down & convert those who have till this time rejected it & bear down their hearts? do you believe yt. yr. will be done? If you do, it will be done: for Christ has said whatsoever ye shall ask in my name ye shall have it. And if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing ye shall ask of the Father in my name it shall be granted you. — You see yr. friend yt the responsibility rests upon you — for according to your faith be it unto you — Evidences of faith — — If you believe, your heart will be lifted up to God for the blessing. Have you not sufficient ground for your faith? God invites you to prove him and his word — to bring your tithes into his store house & see if he will not pour you out a blessing till ye shall not be able to receive it — If you will come as God calls you to come the blessing cannot be denied for he has pledged his word, & he cannot lie — — But if you have little faith, if you do not believe yt sinners will

converted, they will not die — But we must ask, may it not disappoint you did you ever call upon him with humble confidence, that what he heard and answered you for others? I fear not to your own experience — From what has been said, it follows that if sinners of many unconverted it is because sinners have no faith — Are there any of you who believe that every one in a community will be converted? If there are, of those of you believe it and ask God for it — it shall be done, for God has said it — Ever now sinners draw you near the responsibility of this above you — meet sinners at the bar of God for whom you have not prayed as faithfully, believing — The worst of God's arms upon you have not answered? — This is an individual concern — Everything to your faith — As it unto you, — as adequate to sinners as well as others —

This may seem matter of a little alarm of our first sermon. I wish I could tell you more of it, or you might better understand it — Whether it pleases to fulfill what they were in a responsible situation, and at such a time was an incumbent duty — The burden of the month of souls was rolled upon them, they humbled themselves before God, some he inclined his ear and heard them while they were yet speaking, & many precious souls were brought to bow in humble submission at the feet of Sovereign mercy — I wish now give you what I was able to collect of the Evenings on the evening of this solemn day — could I set them before you with all the accompaniments, (for he does sense) his interesting manners, and engagedness for the prevention of his immortal cause, you would be highly entertained and edified, but I shall be able to give of his sermon — will make you but little acquainted with the man — Matt. 26. 41. Watch & pray lest you enter into temptation — The spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak — Those words were uttered by our Saviour in the garden of Gethsemane — He was in great distress of mind his human nature was sinking under it — In prayer in anguish of soul — His disciples did not arise from a consideration of the death which he was to experience but our sins were laid upon him — his Father hid his face from him, and his anguish was so intense — he was overcome even unto death — he desired his disciples to watch with him, and when he returned and found them sleeping, he was grieved and says "what, could ye not watch with me one hour? He again withdrew it upon you to watch and pray lest they enter into temptation — The spirit of his mind should overcome the human nature that he should not be able to accomplish that for which he came into the world — Judge of his anguish, you can, Believer, Judge how near dying he was, when the blood gushed forth from his pores & stood as drops over his body — He returns again, and again finds you asleep: he again upbraids them, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? It was an awful moment — the salvation of the world sinners suspended upon it — He prays again in the same words — and returns, calm, and easy of his burden, and says to his disciples sleep on now and take your rest — Design to show some of the ways in which the different stages of sinners continue to sleep — Ministers often ask — Pastors, get this people are in a very good state because they — Parents, enquire of you respecting their souls — O there is a very happy state of things — they appear much attached to me — pray my salary well, and give me many presents — very pleasant state of things — Question — Is there any sinner among you? are sinners enquiring what they should do to be saved? Why no, I don't know as there are, or, but there is much harmony prevailing among us — & they appear pleased with my preaching — Ah yes, and some people will love any thing from their favorite minister, and be very pleased with him, yet would receive no benefit from another — and so many to the strongest evidence yet they are sleeping on together and rocked in the cradle of security — 2 Some sleep, slumbering the sovereignty of God — the hearts of all men are in his hands, he will do with us as he see fit — and do not consider themselves if sinners are not converted — 3 Some sleep saying I will do my duty and leave the event with God — All it is the whole of their duty to preach two or three sermons on the sabbath, & perhaps one or two more in the course of the week and spend the rest of their time in reading or studying as should best suit them, and not frequently of care whether they see the fruit of their labour or not — hope it the seed comes will sometimes spring up and grow — but do not expect a blessing now — Ah, how blinded! how from his duty such a minister as this —

Some sleep content at the unfaithfulness of others — A minister awakes a phrase when they are enjoying a revival of religion — he sees them all engaged in the cause of Christ and perhaps sees some preaching as that are new to him — he goes home — walks he says, means enjoying no revival here it is true, but I could appear of all this! I grow in such a place like this — they are imprudent in many respects — Thus he will sleep on and perhaps yet upbraid he is finding fault with others, he is shooting his own people down to hell — Many sleep waiting for God to come and begin a work before they enter themselves at all — The second general head — Some of the reasons why sinners sleep — Why placed they must attend to their immediate business — yet if they do not provide for their immortal they deny the faith and are worse than infidels — They will not work for the glory of God, but for their own selfish interest — 2 They too, should not work for the glory of God, but for the glory of their sovereignty of God, they cannot change his purposes, and he must do all things well — This is done in the many of the most confidence in God excite himself to the most to save souls, and to glorify him — O some slack complaining of those yet no more to save souls — and to glorify him — O some slack complaining of those yet no more to save souls — 4 Some slack when know yet they many stay observers to go to hell, because they believe in the perseverance of the saints — Think of they have once been converted it will certainly be well with them at last and no matter what their lives are they shall certainly go to heaven — Oh my soul! Can it be that a nation, one yet is asleep must lay its blood of Jesus, will thus sleep, thus feel? — Horrible! yes — Terrible you are — Is to think of it for known of your feet, as an imminent plunge of sinking 5 Some sleep, supposing we are all imperfect creatures — no perfection here — and thus have no watch and praying to obey the commands of God — Why are you imperfect — Because your Father in heaven is perfect — Be ye holy for I am holy — & is the word of God and you believe in the doctrine of perfection? Certainly, if by it you mean obedience to the law of God — — Some slack saying I have many doubts, but I have a trembling hope — we all have doubts — what do we doubt? — dont you know whether you love your friends? dont parents know whether they love their children? ask what father with his child, feather in his arms if he loves his child — I dont know — I trembling hope that I do — but I have many doubts about it — why you all him an awful God! and so he merits he. And why is it not just as much so doubt whether you love God! — Again Some sleep by comparing themselves with others — another slacks because his minister does not doubt his piety — hoping surely if I was not safe my minister would tell me so at — Some slack thinking others cannot always be awake — — What is abominable! at it matters not are not sinners always in danger of being lost? and is not their situation, and the truth of the Bible enough to wake you to action? — Christians often get the idea of a finished earnest always last — and mostly just as soon as they begin to cease to pray in faith, grieve the spirit of God, & he does leave you. Again some think if they do as slack, others will pray & the work will go on — Some slack saying if I should not be in as situations, I should make no better & slack — Some slack saying so yet supposition! their may be but a step between you & death — Some slack saying honestly blaming their children in the hands of God — but do not discharge their duty by you — Parents if your hours may on fire, and your children consuming, are they then by you would stand still & say God will take care of you, if he sees fit to save you, he will you & would you not there leave you? would you not rather put forth all your strength to save you? Some of the ways in which sinners continue to slack — They ask their they & they do not but for you — Others blame ministers — others blame manifest no particular sympathy for you — Some others according to the truths of the bible, sinners cannot sleep — If every plain would fully believe the bible from end to end, & not slumber its full import — I do not believe there would be an impenitent sinner in all Boston — Sinners slack from an idea of they can do nothing themselves — Some are so full of business — others are so full of amusement — others on account of a powerless heart — Some say God as a merciful God, & he will not punish you forever — Others say Spirit — Some say God as a merciful God, & he will not punish you forever — Others say get there as we will — It is marvellous yet sinners can perish so much — If miserable slack their a flame — but now yet there is death — Several reasons — yet not to make a stir people will slack — and sinners will slack — and the church will soon go to sleep — If the church slack they will slack — if the church slack they will not love sinners slumbers — If the church slack they will minister slack —

the spirit away, and sinners will go on down to hell! Where christians slide off in to worldly pleasures the gospel proves a savour of death unto death — Oh how many sinners might be seen lifting their eyes in torment and cursing God, over whom xtians have slept — Oh Sinner you must you at the bar of God, how would you meet their eyes? how would you bear their reproach and hear you say "How could you slide over my destiny" ~~How~~ Why did you not pray more! why were you not more faithful in pointing out to me my danger! — — — But sinners if you slide on, your consciences will become seared, and your day of grace will be forever past! Most persons are either converted, or given up to hardness of heart when young — — — —

Here my dear mother is a little specimen of the preaching I have heard since I have been here, though I can give you but little idea of it; for very many of the remarks which were designed to fill up the discourse and render it interesting and impressive are omitted. I have added but little beside what I was able to write in the course of the service. I have three or four others yet I much want you should see — Could I bring home my manuscripts and spend about a week with my dear mother I should be happy —

but I have no reason to complain and I will be satisfied — I intended to have written more — but Robert one of the family ~~and~~ is waiting to carry my letter to the office — Cousin Isaac and wife send much love and say they will be parents to me I feel that they will — My situation is quite pleasant. I need nothing but to be more conformed to my saviour — ~~I~~ I have seen the Rev. O. Lyman he sends much love to ~~the~~ his friends in Rutland

adieu my dear mother — much love to all — I shall write soon to Hannah Sheldon and send two or 3 more sermons — please to write soon

P. and S. will please to forgive me

Marie —